Please know that lifting the cross-ownership ban to allow further media consolidation will not serve the public interest. The freedoms set forth by our forefathers are protected by this ban. Lifting the ban is a step backwards in our freedom to information rights as American citizens, and is especially troubling in these tumultuous times that our country is experiencing. The last thing we need now is to have less knowledge and understanding about what is going on in the world, and the only way to ensure this broad-based understanding is by keeping our media sources (and thus opinions) diverse.